

# The Cameron Herald

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## Buckholts Teachers Visit Camp Hood



On a recent tour of Camp Hood arranged by Chas. M. Hicks, county superintendent, these faculty members of the Buckholts school, saw military training in its most modern setting. The tour was an educational venture of great benefit. From left to right are: Mrs. Ruby Arledge, Miss Florene Hobson, Miss Mary Walschak. In the back row are C. D.

Campbell, Superintendent; Mrs. Mildred House and Mrs. Susanna Wills. Absent were Mrs. Herbert Hasse, the former Miss Mary Frances White and Mrs. Wilma Whittington.

Photographs of scenes and teacher delegations are made possible to Herald readers by Chas. M. Hicks, County Superintendent.

## LETTERS TO



Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a few toys. Be sure and don't forget the little children over in Fance and Europe who don't have a father and mother. Bring my little cousin something too.

I love you,  
Gloria Ann Blake.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years of age and am anxious for you to visit me Christmas night.

Please bring me a big wagon, guitar, gun, color books, other books, fruit and nuts. Please, Santa don't forget all the other little boys and girls where ever they are as they will be looking for you.

I am in the first grade.

Don Max Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a gun and scabbard, and a chemistry set.

Dick Denson.

Dear Santa Claus:

This is to let you know what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a football, a gun and scabbard and a pair of gloves.

Yours truly,

Donald Streetman.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a pretty good boy in school this year and I'm on the honor roll.

I know it is hard for you to find things, but if it is possible I surely would like for you to bring me an electric train, and a football suit with number 99 on it. I hope all the little boys and girls here and in other lands may have a very nice Christmas.

Your friend,  
Bobby Witcher.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a rain coat, a leather helmet with goggles, a desk, and anything else you might think I would like. Remember all the poor little boys and girls.

Nick Nabours.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a Doctor's set and a wind-up train and wind-up airplane. I love you.

Ben Lee Kennon.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an express truck, a little airplane and also a little ship about 5 inches long and a pocket knife.

Your friend,  
Kenneth Lee Denson.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big doll and a set of dishes. I need a pair of gloves to wear to school. If you have any doll clothes please give me some for my doll.

Patsy Seeton.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old and in the first grade. For Christmas, I would like best to see my daddy, but he is overseas. You can bring me a gun set, rain coat, story book, candy, apples and nuts. And please Santa don't forget the little boys and girls overseas.

Bobbie Williams.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pair of boots, a telephone, gun and holster. I am six years old and in the first grade.

Your friend,  
Thomas Raymond, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am in the first grade, Miss Randolph is my teacher. Will you please bring me a doll, a doll bed and a chest of drawers.

Bring my little brother Cefrus, Jr., a rocking horse. Be sure and don't forget Miss Randolph.

I Love you,

Penee Miller.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old, I am a good girl. Will you please bring me a doll, a horse, a necklace and some candy and fruit.

Your friend,

Jane Henderson.

I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Mother Goose book, a sewing set and a baby doll.

Love,  
Patricia Gill.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll house, set of dishes, a doll, a house coat and apples and oranges. I am in the fourth grade. I am nine years old.

Your friend,  
Billie June Williams.

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I would like to have a pistol. I want a pair of chaps, a cowboy hat, a long rope and a pair of gloves.

Love,  
Vernon Collins.



CAMERON THEATRE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a wagon and plenty of fruit for Christmas.

Thank you,

Wayne Taylor



## Sincere Greetings

While the year 1944 brought sorrow and sacrifice to many, still we can be happy in the thought of our good fortunes to be in America. I want each one here in this Precinct to know of my gratitude to them.

I want to send Greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to hope Peace may come in the New Year and our sons and your sons be restored to home and fireside.

**WOMACK  
BRASHEAR**

JUSTICE OF PEACE  
PRECINCT 1

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a whistle, football, ship, and pocket knife.

Your friend,

John Denton.

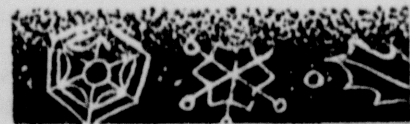


## To All The People

For your confidence I am grateful and wish to express my appreciation and to wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May 1945 bring an end to war and Peace come again and all those of our loved ones come home to us.

**B. F. BAILEY**  
CONSTABLE PREC'T. 1



## Sincere Good Wishes

TO THE PEOPLE OF MILAM COUNTY:

Much has happened in the world since a year ago when I was privileged as your Representative to send Christmas Greetings and Good Will.

Happily for us we still enjoy the blessings of Liberty here on the last Frontier of Freedom. The Victory which we so much desire and the Peace and understanding the world so much needs, seems nearer to achievement than a year ago. For this and for other blessings in the Year I am grateful.

As welook to the future we ponder how we may solve our problems. By the application of sober, good judgment, hard work and economy, we will determine our worthiness to have a part in the Post War World.

I will always be grateful to the people for the privilege of serving them in the Legislature. Your co-operation and help have determined the value of my service.

At Christmas Time may you be Happy and in the New Year may you have Good Health, Peace and Prosperity.

**A. N. Green**

REPRESENTATIVE 64TH DISTRICT

## Merry American Christmas

*and Best Wishes  
for the  
New Year*



Among the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way.

Today, thanks to the magnificent achievements of our armed forces, we have gone a long way down the road toward final Victory and we can look forward hopefully to enjoying Christmas as we used to know it—in an atmosphere of peace and contentment unclouded by the shadows of war.

It is with firm resolve to help speed that happy day and with an unbounded faith in the future, that we extend to you and your loved ones our heartiest Christmas greetings and warmest best wishes for the New Year.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY







## NEW CHALLENGE ISSUED ON E BOND SALES HERE

If you have not bought that extra bond here is something that may help you make the decision. It comes from the office of Nathan Adams, State War Loan director to Dan Tyson, War Finance Chairman for the county.

Soldiers, sailors, airmen and those fighting on the global fronts, are buying that extra bond. Yes, its true, they are buying that extra bond. Bonds bought by Texans will be credited to Texas and distributed to the counties on a population basis. The amount credited to Milam will be \$31,000.

Now, it is not a shameful thing to say of us that we had to take the money of those fighting for us in order to reach our E bond quota. Maybe it won't have to be said. Maybe we will go and buy that extra bond and take the \$31,000 our boys are sending home into account as an overplus on our E Bond quota.

Mr. Tyson, War Finance Director, feels this is a mighty challenge to the people. Especially does the humiliation of it strike hard when we lag or even we are late with our buying. The official closing date for the 6th War Loan is December 20. Don't let it be said that the boys overseas had to come in and help us buy a small quota of only \$225,000 E bonds in Milam county.

## Lt. Herman Gerick Awarded Air Medal

1st. Lt. Herman Gerick has been awarded the Air Medal, it was disclosed here Friday by the family.

Lt. Gerick, born and reared at Ad Hall, is a former student and a graduate of Yoe High School. He was an outstanding basketball star and a also attained fame as a Yoemen in football.

Lt. Gerick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gerick, Sr., of Ad Hall. He is stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Air Medal was awarded to Lt. Gerick by Maj. Leonard E. Sybroski, Air inspector at the regular weekly retreat parade last Saturday.

Lt. Gerick was cited for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight from August 10, 1942, to January 12, 1944. The nature of Lt. Gerick's aerial service was not disclosed but he has had many important duties and assignments.

### TRACY 4-H CLUB

The Tracy 4-H Club met Saturday December 9, at the home of Dorothy Jean Barker with the sponsor, Mrs. Marvin Charles. There were eight present. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Virginia Belle Charles.

Names were drawn for the Christmas party. Mrs. Charles showed some handicraft designs.

Mrs. Maggie Miller of Liberty moved to Milano Friday where she will make her home for the winter.

## Welcome Gift



It is a woman's war, too. And for Christmas Santa brought this little lady the uniform of a Red Cross nurse. The cape is blue. The uniform is of white cotton with the Red Cross emblem.

## Wandering Old Lady Is Santa in Italy

Santa Claus doesn't visit children in Italy. It isn't because they are all naughty, but because there is no Santa Claus—in Italy.

No one runs down to a well-decorated tree on Christmas morning to look for presents. Brightly colored flowers decorate the room instead of Christmas trees, and presents are not exchanged until January 6.

On that night, an old, old lady, La Befana, walks from house to house and leaves a present beside each little child she visits.

Exactly 1,940 years ago, according to the Italian legend, La Befana was very busy sweeping her kitchen when several men dressed like kings stopped in front of her cottage. They asked her where Bethlehem was, but she had never heard of it.

The men told her about a baby which had been born in Bethlehem, and mentioned a star which had been guiding them. The old lady wished she could accompany them when they left her in search of the infant Jesus.

But La Befana stayed home. It was getting too dark out, and besides, the baby could wait until tomorrow. Later that night she noticed the sky quivering with light. The clouds seemed to take the form of angels. All thought of sleep left her. Rising, she carefully wrapped two gifts for the Holy Baby, then ran out into the night in the direction the kings had gone.

Fast as she hurried, she had not reached Bethlehem when the star disappeared and dawn filled the sky. She frantically asked the way to Bethlehem, but no one could tell her.

And so La Befana has constantly traveled since that day, searching for the Christ Child. On the Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, she goes from house to house, looking into the faces of babies. With each she leaves a gift, hoping that at last she will give her presents to the right child.

## King for a Night at Wassailing Tree Fete

"Here's to thee  
Old apple tree!  
Whence thou mayst bud,  
And whence thou mayst blow,  
And whence thou mayst bear  
Apples enow;  
Hats full,  
Caps full,  
Bushels, bushels, sacks full,  
And my pockets full too!  
Huzzah! Huzzah!"

The rendering of this doggerel rhyme, followed by the passing of the cider jug, was a popular feature of Christmas during the middle 19th century at Devonshire.

This completed, the male members of the party discharged guns into a selected apple tree—said to result in bumper apple crops.

The men would then knock at the farm house door, guess as to the kind of roast in the oven. The one who guessed correctly was king for the night.

## Place Ban on Christmas

Puritanism brought over with it in the Mayflower the anti-Christmas feelings.

In 1659 the general court of Massachusetts, following the example of the English parliament, enacted a law providing: "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such day as Christmas, shall pay for such offense five shillings." The law remained in effect until 1681. The repeal, however, was bitter to old Puritanisms, which kept up an even protest down to the early part of the present century.

## Pious Custom

In the west of Ireland, Christmas takes a pious note. A candle is left burning in the window as a guide to the Holy Family, should it be needing shelter. And food is left on the table between meals in case any souls from purgatory should revisit their old homes.

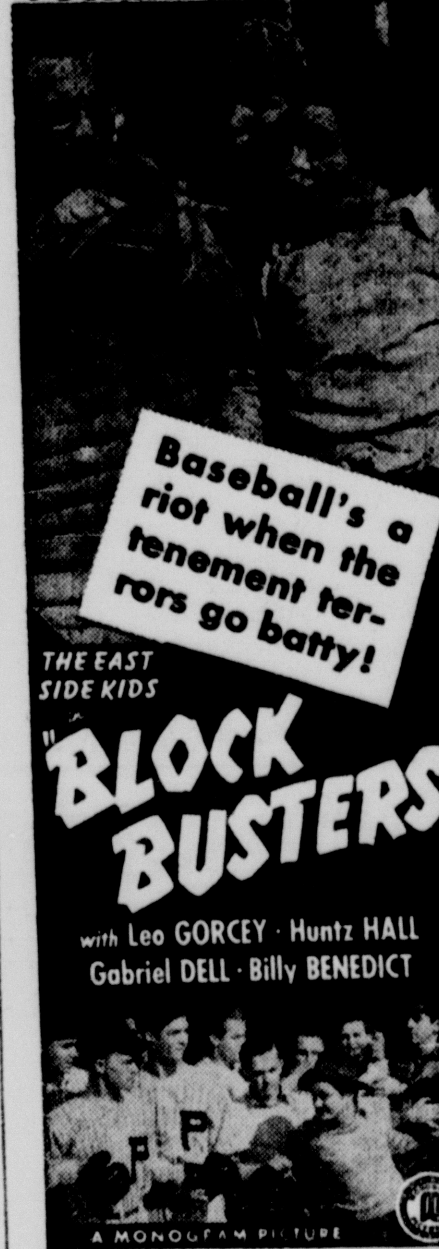
## WEST WALL FIGHTING IS GETTING TOUGH

The going was rough on the Siegfried line in Germany. General Geo. Patton's Third army was able to advance only 500 yards and then through pill boxes.

Slight but important gains were reported all along the line. Railway traffic in Germany is almost paralyzed from Allied bombings in the past few days.

A sizeable number of B-29 fortress bombers struck at Rangoon in Southwest Burma. The planes are based in India. The Japs claimed 5 of the ships were shot down.

## 4 STRIKES 'n Yer Out!



CAMERON THEATRE  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shelton of Friendship shopped in Cameron re- Yarrington were business visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Colburn of Yarrington were business visitors recently.



## To The People of Commissioner Precinct No. 1

In sending you Greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I wish to express again my thanks for your Good Will and confidence.

During 1944 you again elected me your Commissioner. I pledge my best efforts to serve you and I know I will have your co-operation.

As we look forward to 1945 our common desire is that Peace may return to our land and those near and dear to all of us may again return home.

When you come to observe Christmas I want you to know that my best wishes will be with you and in the New Year may you enjoy to the fullest measure all the good things life can afford.

# W. E. Kuzel

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1 MILAM COUNTY

## Cameron Theatre

Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22  
"FOLLOW THE BOYS"

George Raft, Dinah Shore and Jeannette McDonald

Saturday, December 23  
"INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE"

Jon Hall and Evelyn Ankers

Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25  
"DOUGHGIRLS"

Ann Sheridan and Alexis Smith

Tuesday, December 26  
"SHADOW IN THE NIGHT"

Warner Baxter and Nina Foch

Wednesday, December 27  
"BLOCK BUSTERS"

East Side Kids

Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29  
"ABOARD WITH TWO YANKS"

William Bendix and Dennis O'Keefe

## Milam Theatre

Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23  
"FRONTIER LAW"

Russell Hayden

Sunday, December 24  
"COWBOY AND THE LADY"

Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon

## CHRISTMAS

Yesterday  
..... Today  
Tomorrow

May the warm spirit of the old fashioned Christmas of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling Yuletide of today, blend together for the Christmas of tomorrow.

Perhaps we do not realize, in comparative values, the precious blessings of Christmas. And at the same time, we wish to add, "Thank you," for your courtesies and evidences of goodwill.

## CAMERON HOSPITAL

DR. E. RISCHAR, Surgeon





### Gause Teachers Tour Camp Hood



On the recent occasion of the education tour of Camp Hood these members of the Gause school faculty witnessed modern training operations and profited as they apply lessons in their school rooms on comparative methods of teaching men in the armed forces.

From left to right are: Mrs. Ar-

thur Bowling, Mrs. Joe Moore, President of the Parent Teacher Association; Mrs. Ditto, Mrs. Browder, Mrs. Dorothy Lumus, Mrs. G. R. Varner, Superintendent of the Schools, and Miss Harcastle.

This photo was made available to Herald readers by Chas. M. Hicks, county superintendent.

### LETTERS TO



Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy nine years of age. I am in the fourth grade. I would like a Doctor's set, a pair of guns with holsters, a lot of fruit and don't forget the candy.

With love,  
John Max Shuemate.

P. S.—Bring my little brother a ball and I forgot I want a baseball and bat.

Dear Santa Claus:

I do not want much this Christmas. I want a bingo set, some socks and a book.

Love,  
Betsy Caperton.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and doll bed for Christmas. Also bring me a set of dishes.

Betty Jane Sanders.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll, a Chemistry set, and a box of chocolate candy, and some nuts. I will have my stocking out for you. I am eight years old and am in the third grade.

With love,  
Sharon Cammer.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am nine years old. Will you please bring me a BB gun and a bicycle? I want a saddle, a bridle and a horse and some nuts, apples and oranges.

Your friend,  
Ronny Wade.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old and I am in third grade. My birthday is June 30. Please bring me a BB pistol, and a wooden rifle. I also want a doctor's set.

Your friend,  
Edward Brady.

I want a bond, a doll, a pair of socks and some candy and apples and oranges. I am in the third grade.

Your friend,  
Hazel Cotton.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big doll and some dishes. I wish you would bring me a new school dress. That's all.

Charlene Sommer.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old, I want some tinker toys, a baseball and a BB gun and some nuts and fruit.

With love,  
Billie Joe Reynolds.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old, I want a .22, a bicycle and a saddle and bridle. I want some candy and fruit. I live at 209 South College Ave.

Your friend,  
W. K. Leonard, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please Santa, bring me a truck and a tommy gun.

Your friend,  
Earl Armstrong, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a wagon and some candy. I am seven years old I go to school and am in the third grade. I also would like some nuts and fruits and an army rifle.

With love,  
Donald Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am in the third grade. I am ten years old. I want a gun, a scabbard, an airplane, a baseball and a bat for Christmas.

With love,  
Billy Ray Barrett.

Mrs. Charley Mason and daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Lee Garrett and Mrs. J. T. West of Rockdale visited Mrs. L. D. Blackwell.

Dear Santa Claus:

First let me tell you how anxious I am to see you. I know you have many letters to read so I will make mine brief. Do hope you visit the little children in the countries which have been bombed and their toys destroyed, even before you come to see us. I would like to have a baby doll "Sweetie Pie" made by Mr. Effanbee, a set of sculpturing moulds and some bussy building blocks. Just bring the blocks to my little sister and me together. Since she is too little to write. I'd like for you to bring her a big white fur bear and a Kewpie doll. Of course I will appreciate any number of defense stamps you can leave me as I hear you are leaving some at every house. Guess I should make you a promise—If you can leave me these things for me, I'll study hard and practice real hard all the year and try to be nice to everyone.

Lovingly yours,  
Pearl Heffington.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a big boy just six years old. I'm always so glad for Christmas to come so I can get to write you.

I would like to have a desk and chair, some tinker toys so I can learn to build. An airplane if you have one. Some candy and nuts.

Please don't forget my mother dear and all the boys across.

Always,  
Pracher Lee Ward.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a blackboard, a doll, Lone Ranger set and some fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,  
Carl Ann Matula.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a set of tinker toys. Santa, I have lost my gun so if you have one left please leave it for me. I saw some at Green & Boedekers. That is about all I want.

Thank you,  
Bobby Buffington.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a gun set and candy, fruit and nuts also send the other little boys and girls something.

Lots of love,  
Robert Thompson.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish to have a football and a small truck and a set of soldiers.

Yours very truly,  
Hensley Foster Neal.

Dear Santa Claus:

First I want a football if you could please possibly get it.

Or else, I would like to little trumpet and one for my brother.

I have been a good boy. Maybe my mother thinks different, but we try to be good.

Perhaps you could get a bow and arrow, with some real good arrows.

Thanking you, I am  
Yours very truly,  
Frederick Fleischer.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a tent so I can put it up out in the yard. I also want a gun and scabbard. I would like a jeep and Doctor's set. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

With love,  
Alah Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years old. I don't want very much. I want a tommy gun, army tank and army jeep. Some fruit and nuts.

Clyde Wallace.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Doctor's, nurses and first aid kit all combined. I want a belt with two guns and scabbards.

Your friend,  
Jimmy Clore.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a doll, some clothes, dishes, suit case and house shoes. That's all for this time and don't forget to bring my little brother some toys. I have been a good girl.

Your little friend,  
Barbara Ann Cobb.

Edward Schiller of Burlington visited in Cameron Wednesday.

Wishing a  
**NEW YEAR**  
of Happiness  
and Success  
1945

★ We heartily believe in the New Year tradition . . . the ousting of the old to make way for the new.

May 1945 light the way to new pinnacles of achievement for you, as well as to new goals of health and contentment. Accept our heartiest New Year wishes.

And a Merry Christmas Too

**GRIFFITH'S**  
**Barber Shop**

ROY GRIFFITH, Proprietor

## Seasonable ITEMS

### REAR TRACTOR TIRES

9-32 and 10-32; 9-24 and 10-24; 750-36 and 900-36;  
9-36 and 10-36; 9-28 and 10-29.

Seal Beam Lights	Car Topping
Car Rugs, Felt Base	Art Leather
and Changeover Kits	Telephone Batteries
Windshield Wipers	Oil Cans and Gas Cans
Motors and Parts	Fluorescent Fixtures
Heater Hose	& Globes, No Rationing
Aerials for Cars	

MANY NEEDED HOME AND AUTO SUPPLIES

PASSENGER, TRUCK, TRACTOR  
**TIRES**

More Or Less Full Line.

**Horstmann Bros.**  
**TIRE STORE CAMERON**



MILAM THEATRE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24



### A Thought for New Year's

The year that is behind us is dead; we can do no more with it.

But the year ahead is a virgin page; we can inscribe it as we will.

So, all together now. Let's all do all we can to help make 1945 a much happier year for everybody.

And special thanks to our friends who have been so considerate of us in 1944.

**Texas Cotton Growers**  
**Co-Operative Association**  
C. E. TRIGGS, Manager



May the sweet old Christmas story bring to you this year a deeper meaning . . . a larger store of its joy and peace and gladness than it ever has before.



For your favors in 1944 we are grateful as through the years and we look forward to serving you again in 1945.

**Milam County**  
**Abstract Co.**



## Says Tree Trimming Is Beneficial and Necessary in City

Following publication Wednesday of action by the Chamber of Commerce directors in protesting tree trimming here, The Herald received the following from J. Albert Young, manager of the Texas Power & Light Company here:

"In connection with the Chamber of Commerce protest about tree trimming in Cameron the Herald is informed that a certain amount of trimming is necessary in the interest of public safety, and continuity of electric service especially during storms. In consideration of Cameron's beautiful trees the Texas Power & Light Company is having this work done

under contract by the Asplundh Tree Expert Company and they believe that the trimmed trees will benefit more in the long run than the temporary damage to their appearance—which will disappear next Spring."

"A number of property owners appear to realize the ultimate benefit to be expected and have called Mr. Young to request that their trees be trimmed before the Experts leave town."

Stanley Jackson son of Mr. and Fred Jackson was slightly wounded in his arm when his gun accidentally fell and discharged. He is able to be back in school.

Mrs. Cecil Criswell of Buckholts was a Cameron business visitor Tuesday.



MICHAEL PARKER slid into his Santa Claus suit with a groan. It had been a long, hard day and the stretch from seven o'clock to nine remained before the big department store would close.

Seated on his throne, he glanced resignedly down the long line approaching him. It was then that he saw her. The sight made him choke with emotion and his voice trembled when he spoke to the youngsters. Her turn came at last and he took her on his knee as he had done the others. "What's your name, little girl?" he asked in his gruffest voice.

"Marianne Parker," she answered softly.

"What would you like for Christmas?"

The answer was given instantly. "A doll and a carriage and . . . uh . . . Marianne hesitated and poked a finger in Santa's padded stomach. " . . . is it real?" she asked.

Michael Parker had no answer to this and she looked up into his face. Suddenly she burst into tears. He longed to tear off his false whiskers and tell her that everything would be all right now. But instead he said, "What's the matter, Marianne?"

"I want my daddy to come home," she sobbed. "I want that more than a doll or anything."

"Well, that's a pretty large order," said Santa, "but I'll see what I can do."

Out in the brisk night air Michael Parker regretted having fought with Wilson. The incident paraded across



"What would you like for Christmas?"

his memory, as it had a thousand times in the past few weeks. After months of studying and planning, he had gone to Wilson, the plant manager, with a scheme that was sure-fire for speeding up plane production. Wilson was brusque. "You stick to your engineering," he said. "I'll worry about production."

After telling Wilson, among other things, that he was the plant's biggest bottleneck, Parker angrily went home.

Bitter and restless, he had gone away three weeks ago, telling Elsie, his wife, that he was out to get a real job.

But no one would take him without a release. As the days passed he longed intensely to be with his family again but pride would not let him return a failure. Finally, funds running low, he took the job as Santa Claus for the Christmas holidays.

Snow was beginning to fall. Last minute shoppers were thinning out. He walked aimlessly among them, wondering where he could go, knowing that home, tonight of all nights, was out of the question.

Suddenly he remembered the words of a child who had sat on his knee that afternoon. When Michael, as Santa Claus, had asked him what he wanted for Christmas he had replied, "It doesn't matter. Even Christmas doesn't seem to matter any more. I just came here to keep up my mom's spirit." He paused. "There won't be any real Christmas for me until my pop comes home. He's in Africa, you know."

All at once Michael Parker realized that he, not Wilson, was the bottleneck.

With Elsie in his arms he murmured, "I've come back the same as I left—a fool, a complete fool."

"Well, not a complete fool," she countered with a smile. "Wilson telegraphed. He wants to know if you can be in Monday morning to supervise the setting up of your new system."

"But how did you know that I'd be here?"

Marianne ran out from her bed room and threw her arms around his waist. "I told Mother," she announced.

An amused twinkle came into Michael Parker's eyes. "Oh, I see. I suppose you asked Santa Claus to send me home?"

"No."

"Well, that's strange. That's exactly what happened."

Marianne giggled. "Daddy," she said, "the next time you try to fool anyone you had better cover up that funny little mole between your eyes. I could tell that anywhere."

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## GILBERT-MITCHAM

Miss Dorothy Mae Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gilbert of Sharp became the bride of Glenn Odell Mitcham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vivion Mitcham of Sharp, December 12, 1944. The single ring ceremony was read by Judge Jeff Kemp at his home. The young couple will make their home at Sharp.

Mrs. Leon Schattle of Rosebud visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richter last week.



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!

## Tim's Place

SANTA FE TOWN

## New-Mown Hay

The elusive scent of new-mown hay is due to a chemical called coumarin. Since it is impractical to extract this delicious essence from drying grass, it is synthesized from coal-tar and blended with other odors into fine perfumes.

Louie Mitchell of Freeport visited in Cameron Monday.

L. M. McDonald and Jim Bartlett of Sharp transacted business in Cameron Wednesday.

## Perfect Eyes

There are very few "perfect eyes"—probably not more than two out of every 100 persons in the population have such eyes.

## Pig Food Consumption

Pigs, when fed efficiently and marketed at the usual weight, will show a gain of 100 pounds for a food consumption of 400 pounds.

Hulen Parker, Jr., of Minerva has returned to his home from the Newton Memorial Hospital.

## 'EVER ANCIENT. EVER NEW'



IT'S an old, old custom, this ringing of bells and dancing out the Old Year, but the spirit that rides in at the stroke of 12 is as new as tomorrow.

With so many old friends and so many new friends, this New Year of 1945 means more to us than ever before . . . and we hope it means more to you.

And A Merry Christmas To All

## Atkinson-Stalworth Insurance

Here comes our shipload of good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year for every man, woman and child in this community.



And a Merry Christmas Too

## Coward's Garage

## "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot"



## A Happy New Year

THIS New Year's Eve, more so than for many years past, the songs we sing and the merriment we indulge in flow from hearts that are lighter, for we all know now that the future is brighter, and we can look forward to 1945 with the conviction that much better things are in store for us.

With many thanks for past favors, and wishing you the full joys of this happy season, believe us to be ever at your service.

And A Merry Christmas for All!

## John F. Grant Lumber Co.

DAN GUNN, Manager.

CAMERON



We know exactly what we would do if we had the opportunity of making old Santa's "run" this Christmas. First, we'd see to it that every one in this community received all the nice things so richly deserved as a reward for their loyal patronage and genuine friendships.

Then, we'd find a way to make it clear to all the people around here that the sentiment expressed in this Christmas message is from the bottom of our hearts.

We know there are no finer people anywhere than those whom it is our privilege to serve. Many times this has been proven to us and we are certain that when Santa's sack is emptied, a large share of its contents will have been left with the people here.

Since we can't take Santa Claus' place, please accept these good wishes in the spirit in which they are meant, with kindest thoughts of our friends:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Duncum Motor Co.

DeSOTA AND PLYMOUTH SALES AND SERVICE

WE SERVICE ALL MAKES

EXIDE BATTERIES

PHONE 228



## SGT. H. GAILBREATH IS KILLED IN ACTION

Sgt. Howard Gailbreath, 30, has been killed in action in the fighting on Leyte island in the central Philippines. It was disclosed here Wednesday in a telegram from the War Department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hickman.

Hickman was a Technical Sergeant and had been in service 9 years, with the regular army before 1941, when America went to war following the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor.

News of the receipt of the telegram from the War Department was communicated to The Herald by Miss Doris Hickman, half sister of Sgt. Gailbreath.

Three half brothers of Sgt. Gailbreath are in service. They are Sgt. Thomas Hickman, Staff Sgt. O. B. Hickman and Cpl. Monroe Hickman.

So far as reported Sgt. Gailbreath is the first local boy to be killed on Leyte and there are a large number from this community fighting under General Douglas MacArthur in that area.

Sgt. Gailbreath went over seas in June of 1944. Additional details will be communicated to the family here as soon as available.

Week end guests in the home of Mrs. N. H. Butts were: Mrs. Jesse James and daughter, Doris Marie of Austin, and Sgt. and Mrs. Hollis Erwin of Camp Hood.

## Plenty Rat Poison Is Now Available

D. S. Wimberly of Health unit here has requested The Herald to announce that the unit has an ample supply of rat poison on hand and ready for use in the residence sections.

This poison is free and can be had at the unit, the Chamber of Commerce or the city hall.

For some time poison has been hard to obtain. Mr. Wimberly requests that you call now and get any amount you need.

## History Club Meets With Mrs. W. E. Gaither

The Cameron History Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. Gaither at her home. Roll call was answered by assigned topics. Mrs. Eber Flinn gave a Christmas reading. Following the program guests and members were invited to the dining room where the hostess assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Weldon Preston Hogan assisted in the hospitalities. Mrs. Jeff Kemp and Mrs. Tom Denson poured hot coffee and served cake.

### COMMUNITY PARTY

The Junior Class at Buckholts will sponsor a community party to be held at the High School Gymnasium on Friday night, December 15, 1944. Music will be furnished by a string band. Refreshments. Admission 15c. Everyone invited.

## The Whiskers Tickle



Maybe it was Santa's beard that frightened this Philadelphia youngster upon his first introduction to that amiable old gentleman. It won't take long, however, for Santa to dispel any and all fears.

## Scot Private Tells How 'Silent Night' Stilled War Guns

It was Christmas Eve, 1914, between Armentiers and Arras, while Gordon Highlanders huddled in trenches when somebody remembered the day.

"Jim, let's sing," one said to Private James Sutherland-Watt of Norfolk, Va.

Jim pleaded off, but someone else started "Silent Night, Holy Night," and soon Jim and the whole Scot regiment had joined in.

When the last refrain subsided, from the opposite trenches arose other voices — attuned in "Stille Nacht." Then all night long Christmas carols rang from trench to trench in strange tongues while cannon and flares from other sectors lit the sky.

At the customary "zero" hour, the British soldiers saw gray-clad figures making their way out of the opposite trenches. A few shots were fired. Then it was seen that the Germans carried no arms. Scots leaped from their trenches, likewise unarmed, only to be ordered back.

## Reindeer Often Figure in Northern Myth and Legend

Reindeer figure often in northern myth and folklore. One version of the legend of Wayland, the smith, Wayland and his two brothers leave Finland for the south on their reindeer-drawn sleighs. The mountain elves try to stop them and Wayland's brothers lash their reindeer to force them by the elves. Angry because the three are deserting their homes, but even more because of the blows given the patient deer, the elves curse the two brothers, singing:

"Because Slagfid struck his reindeer  
Because Elgel struck his reindeer  
Our hatred shall follow you."

Wayland they also curse for leaving Finland, but because "he struck not his reindeer" the curse is milder. The two brothers die violently and tragically, but Wayland, after many troubles, wins back the wife he had lost and becomes the "Smith of the Gods."

## Cave of the Nativity Now Religious Grotto

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word.

In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges: Judean travelers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts because of the extra warmth provided by animals' bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, nonetheless reverently, that its original simplicity might have been preserved in which eternal stars

"Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep in the hay."

### Influenced Customs

The Germans, perhaps more than any other colonists, influenced Christmas customs in the United States, which celebrates Christmas more extensively than any other. Our concept of Santa Claus is wholly from Germany, and the Christmas tree in the home is another custom that came over with German emigrants in the last century.

### In Dance Measure

Christmas carols were in dance measure at first. The word carol comes from "corolla," a ring, because the song was for a ring dance.

### Old Custom

Christmas caroling was a thriving custom in England of the fourth century.

### Yule Log

From pagan Scandinavian worship of Thor comes the Yule log, lighted with a brand from last year's log.

## NEW LANDING IS MADE IN THE PHILIPPINES

A force of the Sixth United States Army has landed virtually unopposed on the southwest coast of Mindoro Island in the Philippines, headquarters announced Friday.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur also announced aggressive guerrilla warfare against the Japanese in eight major Philippine island groups.

The Japanese were caught unawares despite their sporadic attacks on the Mindoro-bound American convoy.

Mindoro is a major island just south of Luzon, the main island of the Philippines. The landings there represent an advance in force across the full breadth of the Archipelago.

(A Tokyo radio broadcast, recorded by FCC, said Friday that a "powerful" Allied convoy had steamed into the Sulu Sea and that another landing in the Philippines apparently was imminent. Mindoro Island is at the north of the Sulu Sea, just below Luzon, which has been swept heavily this week by American carrier aircraft.)

"This operation," said Gen. MacArthur, "has driven a corridor from

east to west through the Philippines, which is now definitely cut in two and will enable us to dominate sea and air routes which reach to the China coast."

At noon Saturday three bridgeheads had been established. Only slight opposition was encountered according to a statement by General Douglas MacArthur.

The convoy of American ships was 20 miles long and said to have been one of the largest sea and land op-

erations in amphibious warfare in the Pacific.

### COTTON REPORT

There were 16,526 bales of cotton ginned in Milam County, prior to Dec. 1, 1944, as compared with 27,688 for the same date last year.

J. G. Thompson, Special Agent.

Billie Slavak, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Slavak is in the Newton Memorial Hospital for treatment.



## To The People of Cameron

In expressing to one and all my sincere Greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I want each one to know of my appreciation for their confidence and co-operation.

As we approach the New Year we are all hopeful that Peace may come and those who are dear to us may return home. Please be assured of my desire to serve you well in this office and I look forward to your continued Good Will and help.

## DAN LUNSFORD

CITY MARSHAL, CITY OF CAMERON



THE CAMERON THEATRE  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 AND 22



## Greetings to All

The choice remembrance of the year now closing were your Good Will and Friendship. You are responsible for the progress we made and now we want to tell you briefly how much we appreciate you.

We want you to be Happy Christmas and enjoy blessings in the New Year.

I feel sure I express the hope of all when I say: "May peace come soon and our loved ones come home." To all the Boys in service everywhere our sincere greetings.

## Fred Lazek, Sr.

SANTA FE TOWN.

CAMERON



## Tex Miller



## SLAPPIN' LEATHER! SLINGIN' LEAD!



## FRONTIER LAW

starring  
**Russell HAYDEN**  
with  
**FUZZY KNIGHT**  
Jennifer Holt - Dennis Moore  
and JOHNNY BOND and His  
RED RIVER VALLEY BOYS



IN THEATRE  
DECEMBER 22 AND 23

TO THE PEOPLE OF CAMERON:

## Sincere Greetings

While I am deeply grateful every day your confidence permits me to serve you, at Christmas time, all feel the special need of expressing Good Will and Best Wishes.

The year 1944 has brought many trials to all of us. In looking to the future we have in common the desire for a better world. I hope you are Happy at Christmas time and in the New Year may you have in abundant measure the blessings you so much deserve.

## Dan Tyson

CITY SECRETARY AND TREASURER





## Great Christmas Carols Work of Inspired Clergy

Since that first Christmas when the angels sang "Glory to God on High," music has been a vital part of the holiday season, schools, churches and homes ring with joyous hymns and songs. The first singing of carols in the streets, we are told, was in the year 1224.

When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures you see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1730 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Phillip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." After writing the hymn, he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

### Origin of 'Silent Night.'

But most beloved of all Christmas music is "Holy Night, Silent Night," written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been just such a silent night that the Christ child was born. So he went home and composed the words to our famous Christmas hymn.

Then, of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die.

Few think of this lovely hymn without remembering how we watched our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers, Madame Schumann-Heink.

Oh, those were days of simplicity, when rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that goes on forever.

They would, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present Christmas day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labors of love have come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a nibbled bellows, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

### St. Nick Shied From

#### Attention for His Gifts

The stocking custom is said to have started with St. Nicholas, original of Santa Claus, a Greek bishop, Nicholas of Myra, who lived in the fourth century. He was both generous and shy, and hated to be thanked for the presents he was continually making to those in need.

Once he climbed to a roof top and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney so that he would not be seen. The money, instead of falling in the fire, lodged in a child's stocking that had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

His act became known, and thereafter whenever unexpected gifts came from unknown sources they were attributed to St. Nicholas.

### Handy Man



Proof that a sailor is always a handy man to have around is furnished by these two girl workers at the Brooklyn navy Y.M.C.A. Here a kind-hearted sailor lends a helping thumb to gift wrapping operations performed in one of the USO centers operated by the "Y."

### Loud Welcome

Spanish settlers brought the custom of hailing Christmas with firecrackers and bonfires, a procedure that astounds northerners in Louisiana.

## Wounded In Action



SGT. EARL MCFARLAND

Sgt. Earl McFarland of Cameron has been wounded in action in the fighting in Germany, according to information just received here by his mother, Mrs. Minnie McFarland of Cameron, and his wife the former Miss Helen Richards.

Sgt. McFarland has been in the European theatre of war since November of 1943.

According to information received here he is in a hospital in Belgium and has just recovered from a broken arm. Sgt. McFarland was also shot through the knee cap. He has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in battle.

Frank Ermis of Buckholts has returned from a two months visit with his son, V. A. Ermis of Robstown.

Mrs. E. S. Shirley of Hoyte was a Cameron business visitor Saturday.

## Connie Grubbs Weds Sgt. Marvin Skinner In Church Wedding

Miss Connie Grubbs, daughter of Mrs. J. P. Fuller was married to Sgt. Marvin Skinner of Camp Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Skinner of Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church with Rev. C. W. Sanders reading the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by J. P. Fuller. She wore a suit of blue wool with white blouse, and brown accessories. Her corsage was red rosebuds.

Pherrol Kirk, maid of honor wore a peach wool dress trimmed in black velvet and a corage of red carnations. Her accessories were black.

Cpl. C. J. Ribsam of Camp Hood

served as best man. Ushers were Edward Flinn and Walter Lawrence.

Mrs. Francis Cox at the piano played and Mrs. Lincoln Barber II sang "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Cox was dressed in a blue suit and Mrs. Barber wore blue with black accessories. Mrs. Fuller wore a marine green suit. Her corage was a yellow mum.

After a short wedding trip, Sgt. and Mrs. Skinner will make their home in Copperas Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wiese have moved to Cameron from Madisonville to make their home. Mr. Wiese is the new manager of the Woodson Lumber and Hardware Company, successors to the Jeter Lumber Company.

Dr. D. P. Smith of Cameron transacted business in Austin Friday.

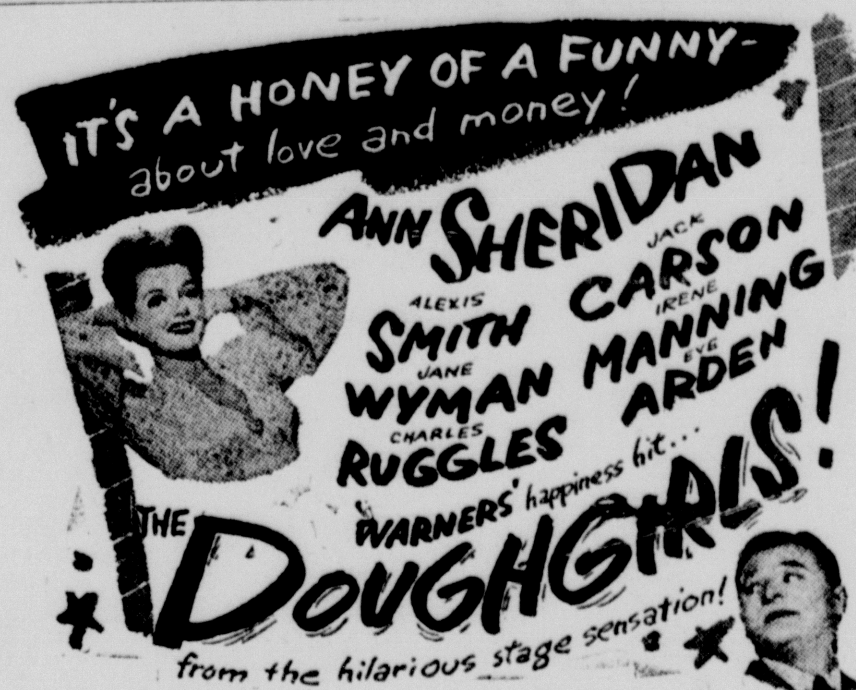
W. W. Caddell of Buckholts has returned from Houston where he attended the funeral of Mrs. Kathrine Belle Gibson, who died in a Houston hospital, December 8, 1944. She is survived by her husband, Pfc. Bernice Gibson who is overseas, and three young sons. Mrs. Gibson was the former Miss Kathrine Belle Williams.

Mrs. Jennie Boseman of Lubbock attended the funeral of her brother in law, J. H. Sapp.

**Fowl Tuberculosis**  
Fowl tuberculosis can and is being transmitted to hogs at a high rate but all scientific evidence shows that it cannot be passed on to humans.

Tuberculosis in poultry is responsible for sizable losses in chickens and causes about 80 per cent of the same disease in swine.

An annual waste of 14,000,000,000 pounds of pork and pork products has been condemned as unfit due to tuberculosis, 90 per cent the direct result of poultry carriers.



THE CAMERON THEATRE  
SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND 25

## Christmas Greetings 1944



"Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke,  
And Christmas blocks are burning,  
Their ovens they with baked-meat choke,  
And all their spits are turning.  
Without the door let sorrow lie—  
And if for cold it hap to die  
We'll bury it in Christmas pie,  
And evermore be merry."

These 17th century verses typify the old-time Christmas spirit we wish for you this Yule season of 1944.

## DITTO'S PLACE

PHONE 9517



## Sincere Greetings

To the many who found Taylor made clothing satisfactory in 1944 and all to whom these greetings come, I send my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

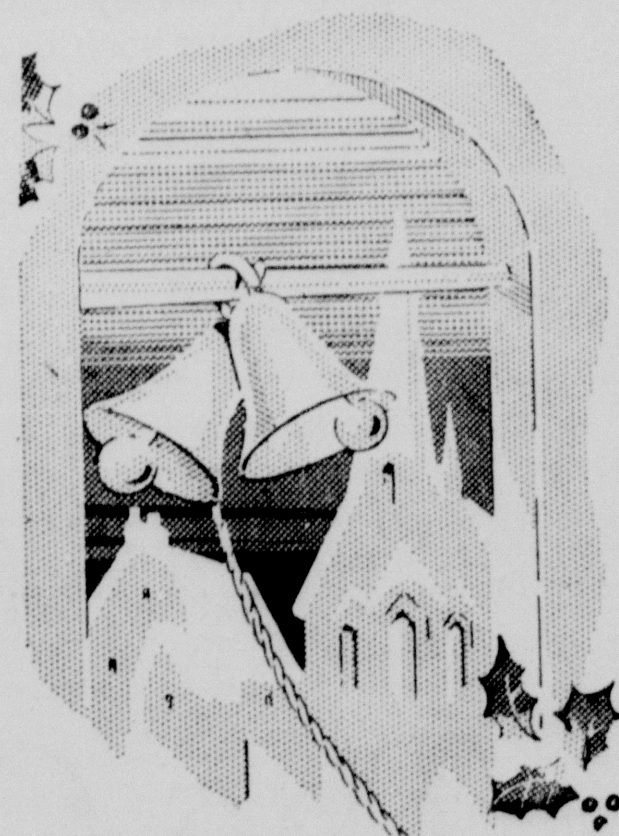
During the year now closing it was my pleasure to serve many and I look forward to 1945 to serving you again.

We all indulge the hope that Peace may come to the world and homes be restored with the presence of those now called away. It was a pleasure to serve you and we DO appreciate your patronage.

## J. P. WERNER

J. L. TAYLOR & CO., Clothing

## Christmas Bells are Ringing Merrily...



... And it is pleasant to remember old friends, and to wish them, in a genuine sort of way, all the joys of a Happy Christmas.

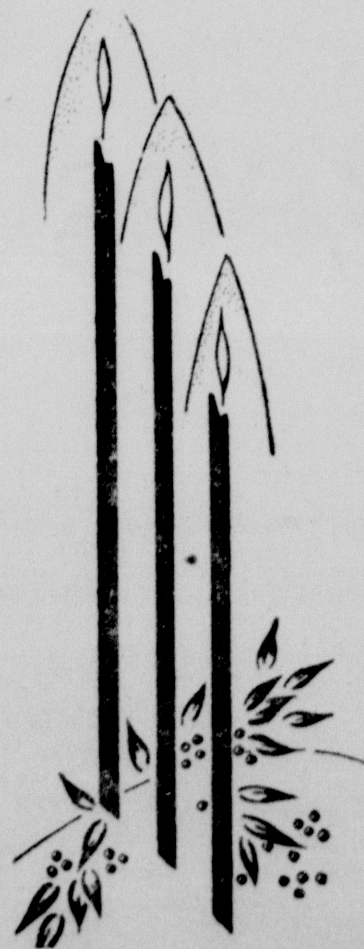
May Health, Happiness and Prosperity be yours, not only on this day, but every day throughout the years to come.

## B. F. BONDS Service Station

PHONE 231.

CAMERON

## Ford's Dairy



## Greetings!

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year





## Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year

Profits in business are not all computed in terms of Finance.

There is a dividend not included in the emoluments of enterprise, but far greater.

We are thinking now of the Friends and Patrons who came into the picture of 1944. The memory of those who expressed their confidence in this institution is a happy reflection for the Officers and Employes of this bank.

We know that Patrons fully appreciate the service such as only a bank of this kind can give in every financial transaction. The thought we wish to convey at this time is that this bank and its grateful Personnel appreciate the type and character of its Patrons who share in the success of this Bank.

The Spirit behind this organization does not change with Time except to keep pace with progress and the demands of modern banking. We have held fast through the years to one standard of Ideals and the same high quality of Banking Service, we project now into modern business, as we did in the beginning years ago. That service is Integrity proven in as

many trials as the years have brought to our community.

In the lengthening Shadow war has cast across hearth and home our Anxiety increases for those who fight for enobling conceptions of the right to be Free; for the Flag they love, for loved ones back home, for the future and the life they gave up. Sacrifices, bitter and personal, have pressed the cup of sorrow to the lips of our friends and our neighbors. The Hope expressed so well in the philosophy that "all the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of the smallest candle," we trust may lead the way.

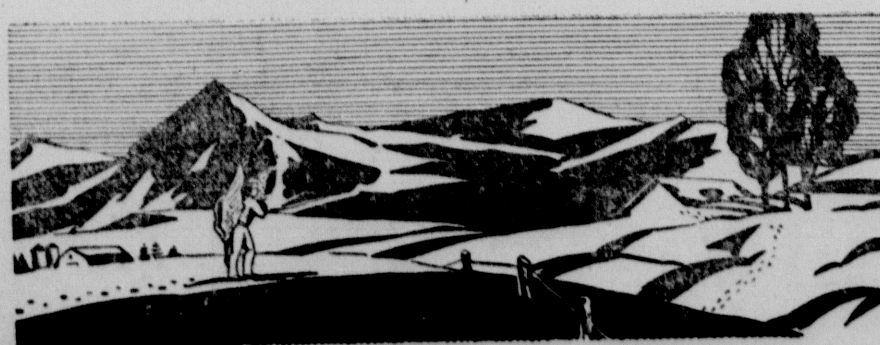
The supreme lesson of Christmas we find in the faces of Little Children and in the glowing, expectant, youthful hearts that remain through all the ages the Shrine of Hope and keep alive the blessed spirit of Optimism.

In 1944 at Christmas Time we declare a Dividend. It is fabulous because it is your Good Will and we measure it with the full capacity of our Appreciation. May the New Year bring Peace and to you Prosperity, and we trust, multiply our advantages for unselfish service to Friends and Patrons.

# The Citizens National Bank

OXSHEER SMITH, President.  
FRANK MONROE, Vice President.  
NILEY SMITH, Vice President.  
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# The Cameron Herald

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## LETTERS TO



Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl twelve years old. I want you to bring me a pretty doll with a chair and doll table, some candy, apples, oranges and cookies.

Your friend,  
Adelaida Estrada.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl ten years old. I want a little doll and a big doll, also some candy, nuts and some other things.

I am going to North Elm School. I like to go to school every day and I am in the third grade.

Your friend,  
Ester Estrada.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy going to North Elm School and am seven years old.

I want you to bring me oranges, candy, sweet cookies, nuts, a bicycle, a little car.

Your friend,  
June Estrada.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a big girl. I want you to bring me a fountain pen and apples. I go to North Elm School. This will be all for this Christmas.

Your friend,  
Rachel Cabrera.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to send me a Christmas present. I go to North Elm School.

I want a football, fountain pen, a basketball, some apples and other fruits for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Carmen Cabrera.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a big doll with hair, a set of dishes, may colors, some fruits, nuts and candy.

Don't forget my little brothers and sisters and all the other little boys and girls.

Thank you,  
Jenny Lee Loker.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl ten years old. I go to North Elm School and am in the sixth grade.

Please bring me a big doll, a doll bed, a story book, some candy and fruit.

Don't forget my grand father, grand mother, my father, mother and my teacher, Mrs. Sam Houston.

Please don't forget our boys who are fighting overseas.

Your friend,  
Bertha Sue Kostiha.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl six years old. I want a big doll and apples. This will be all.

Your friend,  
Gloria Cabrera.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl nine years old. I go to North Elm School. I am in the fifth grade.

Please bring me some story books, a fountain pen, a lead pencil. I want a big doll and some dresses for her. I also want some puzzles, a bicycle, fruit and candy.

Please don't forget my little crippled brother and all our boys overseas.

Your friend,  
Joann Slavik.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl nine years old. I want a little doll, a ball, candy and apples. My little sister wants a little doll, she is three years old.

Your friend,  
Marta Cabrera.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school and like it very much. Will you please bring me a shirt, some shoes, a bicycle, a wagon, lunch basket, fruit and nuts.

Don't forget my baby brother Edwin and all the other little boys and girls.

Thank you very much.

Rudolph Tepera.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years old. I go to school at North Elm and like to go to school very much.

Will you please bring me a wagon, some little cars, marbles, some games, apples, oranges, candy bananas and nuts.

Thank you.  
Billy Slavik.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a doll, doll dresses, dishes and a ring. I would also like some fruit and nuts.

Thank you very much.

Pansy Louise Loker.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy eleven years old. Please bring me a football.

Please don't forget our boys who are fighting in foreign territory.

Your friend,  
Leo Kostiha.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a fountain pen, ind, wagon, pencil, tricycle, some books, eraser, ruler colors and candy and fruit.

Thank you  
Ben Tepera, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope you will bring me some candy and a bicycle. My brother Mieus works at Camp Hood. He brings me money I think he is my best brother. Maybe Mieus will bring me the candy if you could bring me the bicycle. I help with the work every day.

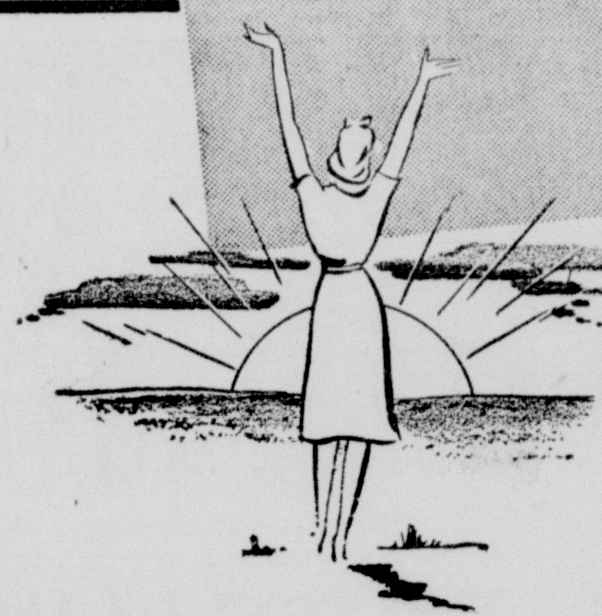
Thank you,  
Frankie Kostiha.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, a ball, some books, also some fruit, nuts and candy.

Don't forget the other little children.

Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Gabriela Hermandy.



# Sunshine

## AT FEEDING TIME!

### THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM Prints More War News

Yes, every day you will find more war news and pictures in the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM than in any other Texas State Daily. This is a bold statement but a true one.

IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN TRAINED CORRESPONDENTS WHO WRITE ABOUT TEXAS BOYS AND GIRLS AT THE FRONT, IT PUBLISHES NEWS FROM THE . . .

Associated Press (four wires)  
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\*Chicago Tribune Wire Service  
\*Chicago Daily News Wire Service  
American Newspaper Alliance

UNEXCELLED—UNEQUALLED  
IN THE SOUTH

\*Exclusive in this area to the Star-Telegram.

### NOTICE

The Annual Bargain Days Mail Reduced Rates are now in effect. The same low price prevails; there has been no increase. However, this year on account of the print paper shortage, the Offer is open ONLY to OLD subscribers.

We are distressed that we can not accept new subscriptions.

To renew, bring your label to this newspaper office. This newspaper is an Authorized Home Town Agency.

A WELL nourished baby needs no "after-dinner speakers" . . . he tells his own story of radiant, robust health that brings immeasurable joy to the hearts of millions of American mothers and fathers. And thousands of finest babies are getting a large share of their amazing growth from homogenized Daricraft Milk . . . because it's greatly enriched with sunshine Vitamin D and is brim full of valuable food elements

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Yes, you can easily add extra "sunshine" to your baby's diet with Daricraft, for this fine milk contains 400 units of sunshine Vitamin D per quart in reconstituted form. (Vitamin content on label.) Because of its fine, soft curd qualities, homogenized Daricraft Milk is easy to digest . . . helps keep your baby's disposition "sunny," too!



# Daricraft

## HOMOGENIZED MILK

A PREMIUM QUALITY MILK AT NO EXTRA COST!

### ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Daricraft Milk is accepted by the Council on Foods of the American Medical Association. Ask your doctor about using Daricraft in your baby's formula.





## Preference



This young lady asked Santa for a tank instead of a doll carriage. Made of wood, it has a big turret gun and gunner and a winch in front, just like the real thing.

### From War's Chaos Comes Xmas Poetry

One of the finest, most cherished Christmas gifts that will ever come to anybody was received by Detective John Scully, his wife, Lillian, and their 14-year-old daughter, Lillian, in New York city.

It was a small crumpled, rather soiled sheet of ordinary writing paper, of not very good quality. On it was a poem, written with the free brave plain flourishing print of a boy—Private Robert J. Scully, barely 18, who was somewhere in the South Pacific fighting with the United States marine corps.

The 20-line Christmas gift, a revealing example of the temper of young men in the thick of the fight, was entitled "Merry Christmas," and some of its lines were written within range of the guns of Japanese:

*This Christmas will be different  
From the others I have seen.  
There'll be no gifts, no church bell chime,  
No snow so white and clean.  
No choirs singing Christmas carols,  
No children with new toys.  
But I'll gladly sacrifice them all,  
As will all the other boys.  
For we know why we're out here,  
And our job will not be done  
Till we conquer every Nazi  
And set the rising sun.  
So a Merry Christmas to you Mom  
And to you, Dad and Sis,  
And may it be the last one  
That I will ever miss.*

Robert, immediately after Pearl Harbor, diligently pestered his father for permission to join the marines. Winning over his father, not too easily, the two of them took turns trying to persuade Mrs. Scully to give her consent, as Robert was but 17. She gave in after a month and a half. The boy sailed for the Pacific on July 3, his 18th birthday, after training at Parris Island, S. C. Robert, a famous left end on the football team of Theodore Roosevelt high school in the Bronx, graduated with honors when he was 15.

### Boxing Day in England Dia de Reis in Brazil

Christmas is the Day of Days in America, but in many countries Christmas is primarily commemorated as a religious festival and the gift-giving and festivities of the holiday season come later.

In England, Christmas eve is quietly observed in the churches and private homes; on Christmas day, families gather around festive tables, and December 26 is Boxing day. Friends exchange Boxes, children receive their presents; servant girls, porters, paper vendors, and the like expect and receive tips. Towards evening groups of merry-makers gather on street corners and ride about Londontown dancing on the "flats" of trucks.

In France, January 1—le jour de la bonne année—is a day for exchanging greetings, calls, and small gifts. As in other Catholic countries, the children receive their presents on Epiphany. The Feast of Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the Wise Men at Bethlehem and is now celebrated on January 6 by the Roman, Anglican, Protestant and Greek churches—the Greek Orthodox church, however, continues to observe the feast on January 19.

In Brazil, where Santa Claus and modern North American customs now stand side by side with ancient traditions originally imported from Portugal, gifts and greeting cards may be sent and received right on up to January 15—and this without any apologetic implication suggestive of attempts to amend omissions made at Christmas.

### Christmas Haggis

Haggis is a dish commonly made in a sheep's maw or stomach, of its lungs, heart and liver, mixed with suet, onions, salt and pepper. It can be made of oatmeal mixed with suet, onions and spices, without animal good.

While it has not become extremely popular in America, the use of calves instead of sheep are often used. The mixture is placed in the stomach and then boiled.

### Old Carols

Not a few of our carols have been traced to the mystery plays of the 12th and 13th centuries. In these primitive times, the church, in order to entertain the people, indulged in extraordinary representations of the events associated with the birth of Christ.



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here!

We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

A Happy New Year To All

## MITCHAN AUTO SUPPLY



THE nearness of Yuletide is unmistakable. Whether snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year, and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

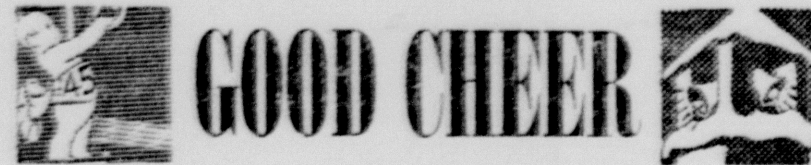
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## BURKES -- HOWARD Tractor Company



WELCOME 1945! We greet 1945 with fervor. For a new year, like a new day, unfolds infinite possibilities.

May your New Year bring the realization of all your aspirations and hopes, and your holiday be a day of



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

## WOODSON Lumber & Hardware Co.



### THE STAR IN THE EAST



Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.

We reserve a special place in our Gratitude for You and Yours who have contributed so much to our success in 1944. Your Patronage, your Good Will have been the Stimulus which put forth our best efforts to serve you well.

If we have succeeded it is because of you and we look forward to the New Year and may it bring Peace and restore loved ones to Homes and Firesides and Wisdom lead our nation to a New and Higher Destiny.



## Dusek Pharmacy

Phone No. 2

Cameron, Texas





**Use Entire Chicken**

The rib piece of chicken becomes real meat, easier to handle and much easier to eat, if bones are removed. Break the back ribs at the backbone joints. Pull bones out with your fingers or a small knife. Chicken feet are a good source of gelatine for soup stock. Scald them with boiling water until the skin is loosened, then pull it off with your fingers. Cook the feet with the rest of the chicken. Wings are a better fit for the frying pan if each top is folded back of the shoulder joint. It makes a flatter and more solid piece that browns evenly and is easier to handle. For better looking slices of cold chicken, wrap the fowl in cheesecloth and tie well before cooking. The meat stays firm and white and is easy to slice thin. Chickens are easier to dress if they have been on a diet limited to water at least 12 hours before they are killed.

**Laundry with Chestnuts**

A suitable laundry soap can be made out of chestnuts, according to an Amsterdam Nazified newspaper. This is the formula: "Dry chestnuts, remove husks, and grate the kernels. After boiling the kernels, press the mass through a sieve. The liquid thus obtained must be mixed with warm water, after which it is ready for use." However, the paper warned, this "ersatz" should not be used for fine fabrics.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Potato Storage**

If proper results are secured in the storing of potatoes the temperature and moisture must be well controlled. Kept too warm, the potato, like most fruits and vegetables will use oxygen and burn itself to death so that decay will take place. If kept too cold, below 38 degrees, the potato will turn some of its starch into sugar, losing much of its food appeal. Potatoes stored too cold develop enough sugar so that they will caramelize in hot fat and are not suitable for potato chips or french fried potatoes as they come out an unattractive dark brown. However by taking the potatoes to room temperature for two weeks the sugar turns back to starch and restores their high cooking quality. A temperature of from 40 to 50 degrees is most favorable for the keeping of potatoes.

Apples play a great role in Christmas customs. In parts of England they are pared and the peeling, taken off in one spiral, is thrown over the left shoulder. Tradition has it that the peeling will form the initial of the person whom the parer is destined to marry.

**Eggs By the Foot**

Frozen eggs in segmented bar form offer an improved method for home use. One or more eggs can be broken off as needed and the unused portion put back in the refrigerator.

**Shaker Corrosion**

To prevent salt shaker top corrosion, remove tops from the salt shakers, invert and pour melted paraffin through them. Enough paraffin will adhere to coat the surface and holes may be opened with a needle. This lasts indefinitely.

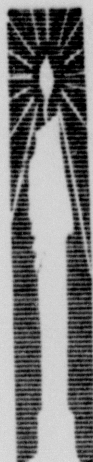
**Tobacco Affects Eyes**

Excessive use of tobacco and alcohol may cause color blindness. Difficulty in distinguishing green is first encountered, and later confusion in red colors may result.

In the west of Ireland, Christmas takes a pious note. A candle is left burning in the window as a guide to the Holy Family, should it be needing shelter. And food is left on the table between meals in case any souls from purgatory should revisit their old homes.

**Starched Scatter Rugs**

A little starch in scatter rugs helps to make them stay flat on the floor after washing, according to Successful Farming magazine.



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities.

May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

A Happy New Year To All

**A & W SALES CO.**



**T**HERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.

This is the sincere New Year wish of

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**GULF REFINING COMPANY**

E. H. COFFIELD, Consignee



SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND. YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL MEN ARE KIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

**RICHTER TRANSFER CO.**

PHONE 66

**CHRISTMAS AGAIN!**

Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO!

**GREEN & BOEDEKER**



BEHIND THE ROAR AND CLAMOR OF THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION IS THE AGE-OLD HUNGER FOR "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

SOME FIND HAPPINESS IN ONE WAY; SOME IN ANOTHER.

WHATEVER YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS MAY BE, OUR HOPE FOR YOU IS THAT DURING THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1945, YOU WILL COME CLOSER TO ITS REALIZATION THAN EVER BEFORE.

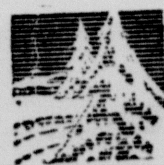
**Carmichael's Garage**

AUTO PAINTING



**W**E HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



**GOOD WILL**



A Happy New Year To All

**Moseley Electric Service**

Phone 43





AS THEY drove up the icy gravel drive between the snow-laden evergreens, Margot asked, "Who are the guests?"

"There'll probably be a mob for dinner," Johnny explained as he opened the car door. "Sis always has a gang in on New Year's day."

Shouts of laughter and singing in the huge living room greeted them as the butler opened the door. Through the archway Margot caught a glimpse of Peg, Johnny's sister.

"Only the young could look forward to another year with such gaiety," she observed with amusement.

"I'm afraid," Margot said, "I couldn't keep up with the general enthusiasm before dinner. Isn't there some place we can observe without being observed?"

Johnny nodded toward a small conservatory opening on the living room. "There's a side door to that through the butler's pantry." He led the way.

Seating her on a love seat screened by a magnificent fern, he left, to return with cocktails.

Margot took the glass absent-mindedly, her eyes on the group



"Isn't that your Miss Leslie?"

around the piano. "Isn't that your Miss Leslie?"

He followed her gaze. A raven-haired, vivacious young girl was accompanying his sister in a duet.

His secretary!

He nodded. "She seems a little different away from the office."

"She probably doesn't know you're here," Margot said.

"And just what do you mean by that?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, Johnny!" her voice was faintly malicious. "Don't tell me you haven't guessed. Why, the girl is simply delirious about you."

His laugh was spontaneous. "Now who's being romantic?"

"She told me," Margot answered evenly.

Johnny stared, open-mouthed. "Honestly?"

His mind searched back over his three years' association with Miss Leslie. Incident after incident cropped up to bolster Margot's assertion.

"Men are stupid, aren't they?" Margot shook her head slowly.

"Only blind."

Johnny looked at his watch. "It's about time for my weekly proposal," he said, grinning.

Margot lighted a cigarette. Through the smoke she said, "And your weekly rejection."

"Well," his voice seemed strangely carefree, "in that case I won't propose."

The couples in the other room were dancing now. Johnny's eyes were following his secretary, moving lithely about the polished floor in perfect accord with the intricate pattern of her partner's steps.

"Graceful, isn't she?"

"And beautiful," Margot said.

Johnny nodded.

"And young."

He looked over at the words, faintly flushed, aware for the second time that day of the disparity between his age and Margot's.

"But not nearly so beautiful nor so graceful as you." His voice lacked conviction.

Margot bowed primly. "But younger."

Just before dinner, Johnny said, "We really should go in and say 'hello' to Miss Leslie. If she knows we're here she must think us rude."

Margot yawned. "I'm too comfortable. You'd better, though. You know, keep up the old office morale."

Margot watched him as he sauntered a shade too casually over to the group once again around the piano. Even at a distance the eagerness with which the girl greeted him was apparent.

Dinner was announced. Someone suggested, "Just one more song. A song for the new year."

Peg struck an opening chord, the group joined hands and voices lifted in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Johnny, his hand incasing his secretary's, was by no means the quietest.

Peg was secretly smiling at Miss Leslie. Miss Leslie's eyes were directed toward the conservatory. "Thanks," she seemed to say to Margot.

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## Theatre Patrons Pay \$3,725 to See Bond Premiere Wednesday

Patrons of the Cameron Theatre paid \$3,725 Wednesday night to see "Frenchman's Creek," bond premiere show and John Prude, manager of the theatre said the box office receipts were fair considering the weather.

The theatre was well filled when the curtain went up on the superb production at 7 p. m.

Cameron Theatre has had a large share in the success of local bond drives by staging premieres. The theatre gives free the picture and all expenses of its showing.

Mrs. Gene Blake is in the Newton Memorial Hospital for treatment.

## BURLINGTON SOLDIER PROMOTED IN ITALY

Corporal Alvin V. Schiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schiller, who live on Rt. 1, Burlington, has been promoted to sergeant. He is a lineman with the 53rd Signal Battalion of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiley and little daughter, Martha Cary have concluded a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. R. S. Wiley and have returned to their home in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wiley of Port Arthur spent Thanksgiving night with his mother, Mrs. R. S. Wiley. The three attended the game in Austin Thanksgiving afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Cryer received a message Wednesday that her father, C. L. Russell of Lubbock was very ill. Mr. Russell was a resident of the Buckholts community for many years before moving to Lubbock.

**Many New Products**  
Since 1914 the chemical industry has produced more than 200,000 new products.



# SINCERE GREETINGS

Earth's Greatest Mission is Service to Humand Kind. The lesson of Christmas is Service, Good Will and Friendship.

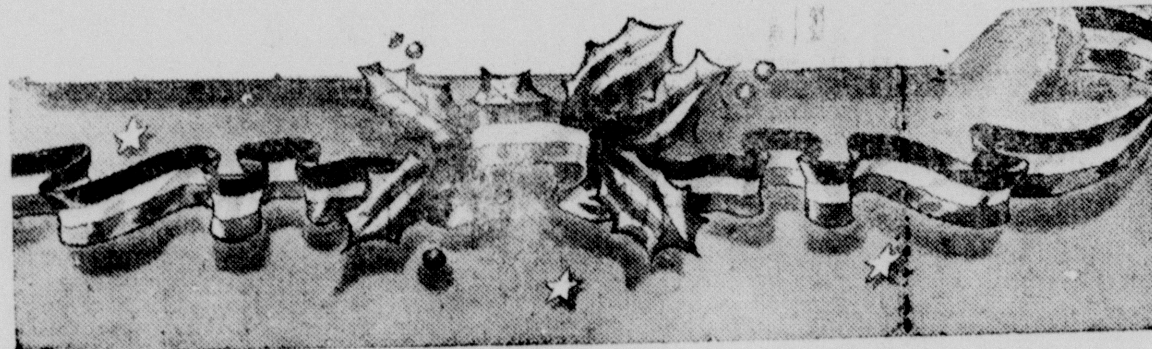
In the shadow of war which has fallen across our happy land we send these greetings in the Hope you may find blessings at Christmas time you so well deserve. In the New Year may you find Peace and Plenty and enjoy Good Health.

During the year our thoughts have been of our friends who made it possible for us to serve. Through your confidence we

found greater opportunities for service in 1944 and we are deeply grateful to those who have appreciated our effort and lend their good will.

Friends and neighbors at Christmas time claim our thoughts. May the candles gleam brightly for you and about you and yours abound good cheer.

In the New Year we will be striving to better our facilities for serving and to make Newton Clinic better and more deserving of your confidence.



# The Newton Clinic

DR. W. R. NEWTON, Jr.

DR. W. M. AVENT

DR. H. W. POETTER



**Flak Cuts the Target****Out of Map of Flier**

ROME. — Flying Officer Albert Derringer, of Pittsburgh, bombardier on a Mitchell medium bomber, was approaching a "Pin-Point" bridge target and took out his map for a last-minute check.

Along came an antiaircraft shell and neatly clipped the pin-point out of the map.

**Knocked Out but Keeps on Flying****Hit by Jap Bullet, He Flies Almost 300 Miles.**

COLUMBUS, OHIO.—The strange story of a navy dive bomber pilot who—either "through God or by instinct"—flew his plane almost 300 miles after being knocked unconscious by a Japanese bullet was disclosed in an official navy memo to local Curtiss-Wright officials.

The pilot, Lieut. Comdr. John D. Blitch of Charleston, S. C., 30-year-old commander of a Curtiss Hell-diver squadron based on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, was attacked by six Zeroes after his formation sank or damaged seven vessels of an enemy convoy. A few minutes later, the bomber formation broke off the action and headed back to the carrier. The formation had covered about 200 miles of the distance when Blitch's plane suddenly nosed down and crashed into the sea.

Blitch, who later was picked up after drifting more than 40 hours in a small rubber raft, said he knew nothing of what had happened from the time he was hit by the Japanese bullet until he was revived by water splashing into his cockpit as the plane began to sink.

"It was either God or instinct—probably both—that brought Johnny Blitch back from the grave," observed the carrier's chaplain.

**Mineral Oil Laxative**

The internal administration of mineral oil, alone or in combination with other substances, may have its disadvantages. Dr. James W. Morgan has given eight reasons for not using this oil. Mineral oil has a harmful effect on the nutritional economy of fat soluble vitamins. The use of the oil as a laxative has been shown to cause weight loss in children, caused by the carrying away of the fat soluble vitamins A and D.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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**SGT. LUTHER GUNNELS DIES OF BATTLE WOUND**

Sgt. Luther C. Gunnels, tail gunner of a Flying Fortress, Army Air Corps, died on November 16, 1944, from wounds sustained in battle over Italy, it was disclosed here Tuesday by A. J. Gunnels, of Hanover, grand father of the airman.

Sgt. Gunnels is the second son of the family to die in this war. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gunnels of Galveston. The other son to die was air Cadet Ralph Gunnels who was killed in a crash of his plane at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Sgt. Luther Gunnels sustained wounds in combat over Italy from which he died on November 16, 1944. The parents were notified of his death early this week by the War Department. The information was also relayed to Mrs. Ethel Gunnels and relatives at San Angelo where Cadet Ralph Gunnels was stationed when he was killed. Mrs. Ernestine Gunnels, his widow lives in San Angelo.

Sgt. Luther C. Gunnels was with the 17th Bomber Group and had been

overseas for 17 months. He was a veteran of more than 70 combat missions. His widow, Mrs. Naomi Gunnels lives at Littlefield, Texas.

Sgt. Gunnels had been in the army since 16 years of age with the exception of 1941 and a part of 1942, when he enlisted a second time in August and was assigned to the Air corps to follow in the footsteps of his brother who was then flying a combat ship in training.

Sgt. Gunnels was a veteran of the campaign in Sicily and was stationed on the island of Corsica in the Mediterranean, the birthplace of Napoleon. It was from Corsica that his mail was dispatched, according to his grand father, A. J. Gunnels of Hanover.

Sgt. Gunnels was born at Hanover and attended school in Cameron. His father, M. C. Gunnels has been in Galveston in war work for the past two years.

Your Country Is Still At War!

**ARE YOU?**

Remember the 6th War Loan begins on November 20, and ends December 16. Buy now and buy every day. Let's all have a share in the loan which may well mean victory and the home return of those near and dear to us.

SUPPORT THE SIXTH WAR LOAN!

Additional news with suitable tribute will be printed as soon as available.

**Bank Deposits Up**

Bank deposits of businesses and individuals throughout the country rose almost 41 per cent in the two war years to approximately \$90,000,000,000.

**Shark Meat in Demand**  
Shark meat, with the texture of swordfish and the flavor of haddock, is proving popular in Eastern cities. While they are caught for their oil and skins, the steaks when quick frozen prove a valuable addition to the menu.

A Happy New Year to All.



Green & Boedeker

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In these days of corner-cutting, adulteration of blends, and the sudden, overnight change in taste of some established coffee brands—dependability in Admiration is really something! You don't have to hope; you *know* that every pound will taste exactly like the one before and the one next week. Unlike certain coffee blends which have been cheapened during the war, Admiration is the same today as 25 years ago. It's blended to give a rich, mellow, flavorful cup. Only choice, *expensive* coffees can be so blended. If your regular brand has lately tasted bitter or perhaps woefully flat and uninviting, try a pound of Admiration this week in its place. You'll thank us for suggesting it.



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## Tell Me an Indian New Year's Story

The ceremonial for the snow has passed,—when enemies are foreign and harsh words forgotten, as a new trail has been blazed for all through the New Year's festivities.

The story-telling grandmother has taught the ancient chants and customs through the beads of the strings of historic wampum; but now she again has time to entertain the children.

Gathered around her lodge-fire, they plead for another story with their bright eyes and shrill voices. To satisfy them, she tells an ancient legend about the clouds.

"Long moons ago when the world was first made, the sky at wintertime was cloudless much as it is on clear midsummer days. The ground was covered with white snow and the trees except the pines, stood bare. The cold wind whistled around the bark cabins; and with a cloudless sky, everything above and below looked dreary.

"The children, too, missed the green leaves and changing colors over the landscape and they gave a wish that the sky might have clouds now and then. It is true, dark-gray, fierce-looking clouds came in great masses and covered all the sky and let down snowflakes to amuse the children. But the children also wished for bright clouds and the old bear

in the sky heard their wishes.

"So the old bear blew his moist breath into the heavy clouds and broke them up; he even made humps in some of them, and held on to the corners of others, until when they passed over the village, each cloud had a different shape, some like bears, some like wild cats, some like hills and even some like funny people. Ever afterward, the clouds took these strange shapes to bring smiles and imagination to all children in mid-winter."—Dr. E. A. Bates, Cornell.

### Fresh Foods Best

Foods that are gathered fresh from the garden and prepared immediately for the table not only taste better but also contain more vitamins.

### Fire Lighter Made

Natives on the Samoa island have their own idea of fire lighters, a model for Boy Scouts. They carefully fit a wooden plunger to a hollow section of bamboo which is closed at one end. Then they put a piece of dried moss on one end of the plunger and place in the hollow section. By striking the other end of the plunger sharply with the hand it compresses the air in the cylinder, and the heat in the air will ignite the moss.

### Get Them Scratch

Uncle Ab says that chickens, like human beings, thrive best when they have to do some scratching for what they get.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### Furnaces Making Steel

Nearly 1,000 open hearth steel furnaces with capacities from 10 to 400 tons are producing steel for the war. In addition, steel is made in 185 electric arc furnaces, 38 electric induction furnaces, 35 converters and 9 crucible furnaces.

### Icing the Cake

Moisture in the air on a damp or rainy day may make icings and other sweets soft and sticky. To offset this tendency, icings and other sirup products need to be cooked slightly longer on damp days.

### Pulpwood Uses

Smokeless powder, blood plasma containers, cargo parachutes, aviator vests, shell casings, first-aid kits, and commando bags are a few of the many hundreds of things for which pulpwood is used.

### Prevents Soil Erosion

Two or three pounds of timothy per acre, seeded in addition to the regular rate of alfalfa helps to assure a stand, assists in erosion and wind control, and produces a pasture safer from blight.

Your Country Is Still At War!

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A Citizens Pledge In Wartime America

"I pledge myself to the common cause by eager submission to any sacrifice that hastens victory."

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SILENT NIGHT



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

# MARKHAM & SON

## SERVICE STATION

1944  
*The Season of Christmas*

## EVER THAT SAME STAR

★ The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea . . . it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

*Merry Christmas!*

# CHEEVES BROS.

"ON THE SQUARE"

CAMERON, TEXAS



## Raymond Ashley Has Fine Record in Navy; Is Aviation Machinist

Raymond Ashley, Aviation Machinist, will soon complete his 9th year in the United States Navy and currently is serving overseas. His home is at Milano and he is the son of the late M. E. Ashley.

Mrs. Ashley, the former Miss Blanche Juneau of Alexandria, La., lives at Milano in their home while her husband is overseas in the naval service.

Before enlisting the second time Ashley served 6 years in the navy and on February 15, 1945, will have completed 9 years service.

Recently Ashley sent his wife two clippings from The Yank, a tabloid size newspaper published in London for the armed services of the United States. Because of their reflection of the view point of the service man they are reproduced below; the first from Pvt. Felix Wengel:

"A friend of mine received a letter from his girl and she stated that she was going to a dance that was being held to build up the morale of some German prisoners of war from a nearby camp. Over here I am trying to make it as tough as I can for the

enemy by doing my small part. I see my best friends getting crippled and killed, getting prisoners to go back to the States to sleep in beds, eat A rations, drink beer, and to top everything have morale dances with our women. Boy, what I wouldn't give to have the girls here so I could show them the type of dances the heinie is giving us."

This clipping from the Stars and Stripes and signed by Pfc. Wm. F. Daniels and 10 G I's:

"We the boys from Hut 37, have been wondering why it is so hard to buy anything over here. It seems no matter what store or PX you go to in the States they always tell you 'Sorry, we don't have that, it's being sent to the boys overseas. Now that we are over here we still can't get the things we want. We would like to know where this stuff is going. Will someone please answer this question?'"

### Seeds for Prisoners

The American Red Cross is sending 15,000 pounds of vegetable and flower seeds to American prisoners of war in German hands.

### Continuous Feeding

Keep feed before the growing chicks constantly, to help ward off trouble from coccidiosis.

## O'Daniel is Charged With Part in Ills At the Unversity

Austin—Former Attorney General Robert Lee Bobbitt told a state investigating committee today that "a scheme to limit and restrict the program of some of our institutions of higher learning" was concocted at a meeting in Houston in 1940 "under the general jurisdiction and sponsorship of the then-governor W. Lee O'Daniel."

Bobbitt's testimony followed that of former University of Texas Regent J. R. Parten of Houston that "we in Texas are in the grip of a political force that is being exerted to curio academic freedom."

"Apparently the scheme was to limit and restrict the teaching of certain subjects and get rid of certain professors and administrators in these institutions that had programs which ran counter to, or did not co-incide with the economic ideas of certain monopolists, corporation executives, and rich industrialists," Bobbitt said in a formal statement read into the committee's records.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### Save the Rope

For easy operation and long wear of the hay rope, it should be run over pulleys 8 times the diameter of the rope. Thus a 3/4-inch rope needs 6-inch pulleys; a 1-inch rope needs 8-inch pulleys.

### Eye Exercise

Eye exercises may aid in strengthening weak muscles so that the focusing of the two eyes may be properly coordinated. However, the consensus is that such exercise is of little value in refractive errors of the eyes.

### Preserve Garbage Pail

To preserve the garbage pail for the duration, treat it to a thorough washing with soapsuds once a week followed by a hot water rinse and thorough sunning. Asphaltum varnish will give the metal a waterproof coating and prevent rust.

### Save Sugar, Shortening

Here's a way to save a little sugar and shortening. Whenever they're obtainable, use paper baking cups for cakes. These require no greasing and, by leaving the cakes in the cups, frosting is necessary only for the tops.



## To the People of Milam County

In expressing my Gratitude to the People for their Confidence expressed in my election to the office of District Judge, I want each one to know how deeply I feel my indebtedness to you.

The year 1944 was one of great sacrifice for our people everywhere and naturally we think keenly at this time of those near and dear to us who are in the armed services. Our cherished hope is for Peace and a safe return of all.

When I assume the duties of office in January it will be my purpose to serve you as you have the right to expect and I look forward to your cooperation.

## JOHN WATSON

DISTRICT JUDGE-ELECT, 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**A**T THIS TIME of resolution-making it might be apropos to recall the words of a wise old philosopher of a long forgotten era. He said:

"Every first of January that we arrive at is an imaginary mile-stone on the track of human life; at once a resting place for thought and meditation and a starting point for fresh exertion in the performance of our journey. The man who does not propose to himself to be better this year than he was last must be either very good or very bad indeed."

We wish you a very Happy New Year

and a Merry Christmas Too!

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## Greetings of the Season

It is with more than usual satisfaction that we send Greetings at this Christmas time to the members of the Association. In many ways the year 1944 has been good to us. Our Association has grown and the relations have been most pleasant.

In sending our Greetings we want to impress upon you our Thanks for your Confidence and Good Will. We will do all in our power at all times to increase the service of our Association and to inspire your continued Confidence.

## MAREK-BURNS BURIAL ASSOCIATION



## Saint Nick Lived In 4th Century

On Christmas Eve, American children will be tucked snugly in their beds—while visions of sugarplums dance through their heads. Listening breathlessly, they may hear sleighbells in the snow. Santa will be about, his pack laden with dolls and drums, painted carts and picture books, and unrationed good cheer for young and old.

The real, live St. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor and lived during the Fourth century. The Dutch settlers brought many legends centering around him to America. He was an extraordinarily studious youth and, after his father died, much concerned about the fortune he had inherited. He, therefore, conceived the idea of supplying financially embarrassed maidens with dowries, the young ladies having no idea where the money came from.

In his youth, Nicholas visited the Holy Land, and as a result, desired to spend his life in a monastery. However, he was bidden to "Go on; live among men . . ." Later, as the Archbishop of Myra, he was renowned for his graciousness, kindness and understanding of children.

The feast of St. Nicholas, patron saint of Russia, is celebrated on the sixth of December. On that day, in many European countries, the children are visited by St. Nicholas and given nuts, apples, candy and small gifts, providing they have been well behaved throughout the year.

The modern American conception of Santa Claus was first expressed by Washington Irving who, in 1809, described him as a tubby, jolly little fellow speeding across the sky in a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

In 1822, using Irving's description and supplying additional details from his own imagination, Clement Clarke Moore told his children the story of "The Visit of St. Nicholas." A year later, the poem was published in the Troy Sentinel. Many years passed, however, before Dr. Moore, being a professor of divinity, publicly acknowledged having written the now famous poem, which has been translated into several foreign languages.

Thomas Nast, creator of the GOP elephant, the Tammany tiger and the Democratic donkey, apparently dressed Santa in his red suit through a series of sketches appearing in Harper's illustrated weekly.

### Seedless Tomatoes

By evaporating a very small amount of an organic compound known as beta naphthoxyacetic acid in the greenhouse as tomato plants just about come into bloom, every plant in the place set fruit, which ripened into high-quality, luscious tomatoes without seeds in tests conducted by Dr. P. W. Zimmerman of Boyce Thompson institute. The substance is an organic compound which comes in crystalline form, and at relatively low temperatures melts, then turns into a vapor. It was warmed over an electric hot plate, causing the evaporation. The vapor treatment was also tried on the holly plant with the same result. Investigation is being made for its wide practical application.

### Restaurant Sanitation

Eighty-one cities of more than 10,000 population and 169 cities of less than 10,000 have adopted a restaurant sanitation ordinance. It is also in effect in 137 counties and has been adopted as state board of health regulations in 18 states. The law can be enforced without local adoption in Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. There are 144 cities in these states which have not adopted the restaurant code, but in which it may be enforced. Proper restaurant sanitation has been given credit for much of the effectiveness of health measures dealing with war workers.

### DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 8, 1941—U. S. declared war on Japan.

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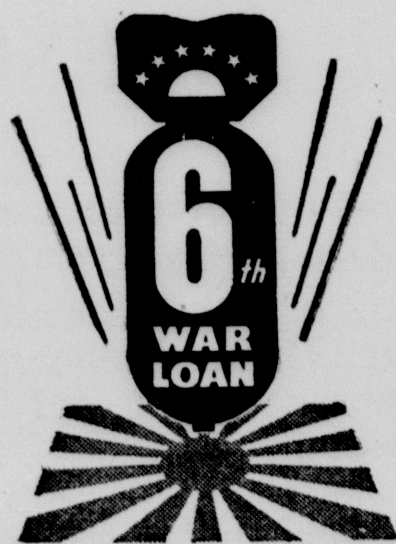
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### TWENTY CENTURIES

The birth of the Saviour did not, then and there, establish peace on earth and good will among men.

Caesar did not topple from his pinnacle at the precise moment: people continued to grumble against his decrees and wonder what new law would oppress them next. Herod, king of Judea, did not join the Wise Men in adoration of the Holy Child: but rather, authorized the slaughter of the innocents in an attempt to destroy Him.

But:

There were shepherds watching over their flocks some two or three miles from the Stable of Bethlehem: the Angel of the Lord appeared unto them: Wise Men, having seen His Star in the East, hastened to bring symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

On this Christmas day, we remember the children in His Name—for theirs is the Peace of tomorrow—and, hearing the carols of good will above the present turmoil, we are the shepherds of Bethlehem.

### Young Charmer



This eager youngster is all set to turn her charms loose on Santa, and with results that will leave his pack considerably lighter in weight.

### Decorative Shadows

To achieve a colorful decorative effect, take a bowl of pine branches and make it "spill" backward toward the wall. Bright light from clear-glass Christmas lamps, either bunched in a bowl or concealed from view behind the bowl, create the lovely shadow patterns pictured. The shadows may be tinted by adding one or more larger lamps of contrasting color.

### Boxing Days

In England, Boxing day—usually December 26—formerly was the day when the old squires distributed Christmas boxes to the help on their estates. It has since become a sort of legalized blackmail—an excuse for delivery boys, the postman and others who have served you during the year to call and collect a tip.